

**A OPENING FORMALITIES**

**A4 Conference Conclusions**

**A4.1 Report of responses to UK's review of NSHC Conclusions**

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**Background**

The 2008 review of NSHC Active Conclusions invited Member States to provide feedback to UK on proposals 1 and 2 below:

1. NSHC Members to consider UK's proposals for each Active Conclusion, as listed in Annex B, and explained in Annex C, to the report.
2. NSHC Members to consider the following UK proposals to improve access to all NSHC Conclusions, and Active Conclusions in particular, on the IHO website:
  - a. to move the NSHC Conclusions to the top level NSHC webpage (they are currently a zip file under the 27<sup>th</sup> NSHC meeting);
  - b. to provide a list of all NSHC Conclusions, similar to that in Annex A to this report, including the subject and status of each Conclusion, with a hyperlink to the full text of each Conclusion;
  - c. to provide a means to derive a similar list of only Active Conclusions to inform the review by each NSHC meeting under standing agenda item A4.

**NSHC Member State feedback on UK proposal 1**

The responses to Member State feedback from Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands and Sweden are at Annex A. All respondents agreed with 18 of the 28 NSHC Active Conclusions and the 10 Conclusions without agreement are listed below for discussion.

<b>No</b>	<b>Title/Subject</b>	<b>Proposed status</b>	<b>Respondents feedback</b>
11	Conclusions reflecting the decisions of the NSHC	Active	All respondents agreed with the proposed status. The status will be changed to "effected" when the Statutes are revised. See EN A6.1

No	Title/Subject	Proposed status	Respondents feedback
15	Submarine Cables in Fisheries Charts	Obsolete	<p>Respondents, with exception of Belgium and France, agreed with the proposed status.</p> <p>Belgium were not fully convinced, Belgium notes that info about new cables (and pipes) is well communicated by cable companies, but in case they become obsolete, this information is not well communicated.</p> <p>France have some doubts about it, FR suggests to keep it "Active" until NSHC29 to make sure that a robust process is in place between NSHC HOs and cable ships and telecom companies, in order to update databases and following charts</p>
16	IMCO matters	Effectuated	<p>All respondents agreed with the proposed status, and France suggested adding a reference to IHO CL 29/1999 in the review.</p> <p>This will be completed post NSHC29 with other Conclusion amendments.</p>
28	Resurveying of critical areas	Effectuated	<p>Denmark and Netherlands agreed with the proposed status. Belgium, France, Germany and Sweden did not.</p> <p>Belgium and France proposed that I be kept as "Active" until the NSHC Resurvey Work Group, established by the 27th NSHC, concludes its work. Germany concurred adding until a common policy has been adopted. Sweden similarly considered it may not be fully effectuated until the NSHC RWG has produced a re-survey plan.</p>
59	INT Chart Specifications: National Symbology on INT Charts	Obsolete	<p>Respondents, with the exception of France, agreed with the proposed status.</p> <p>France proposed amending the status to "Effectuated" with an additional reference to IHO TR B5.5 (1992) in the review, and considering a review of the way the IHB implement this TR (FR is not aware of any IHB comments to INT chart producers).</p>

No	Title/Subject	Proposed status	Respondents feedback
72	Report of the Tidal Working Group	Effectuated	<p>Denmark, Netherlands and Sweden agreed with the proposed status.</p> <p>Belgium, France and Germany did not.</p> <p>Belgium suggested keeping the conclusion “Active” as long as the agenda of the WG has not been completed or the TOR of the WG is updated with remaining work.</p> <p>France suggested keeping the conclusion “Active” until the new TOR of the WG are approved (see NSHC28 report - item E.2)</p> <p>Germany considered “active”, as long as the agenda for the WG, as outlined in the conclusion, has not been completed or any remaining work items were transferred to another WG</p>
76	Working Group on Copyright and Pricing related matters	Effectuated	<p>Respondents, with exception of Belgium and France, agreed with the proposed status.</p> <p>Belgium suggested keeping the conclusion “Active”, taking into account the changing market, it should be discussed at the NSHC29.</p> <p>France suggests keeping the conclusion “Active” and proposes that a review of items 7, 8 and 9 be prepared by MS and discussed at NSHC29.</p>
77	Small Craft Safety	Obsolete	<p>Respondents, with exception of France, agreed with the proposed status.</p> <p>France suggested keeping the conclusion “Active” until the Commission explicitly agrees to fold it, believing that there is still a need to “investigate the possibilities for further joint initiatives to meet the demands of the small craft for navigational and information services” especially with the generalization of ECS.</p>
80	S-55 Data-base	Active	<p>All respondents agreed with the proposed status and France suggested it should remain “Active” as long as periodic updating of S-55 is required.</p>
81	Establishment of EU Marine and Maritime Policies WG	Active	<p>All respondents agreed with the proposed status and France suggested it should remain “Active” until the WG is folded or new TORs are approved.</p> <p>This will be completed post NSHC29 with other Conclusion amendments.</p>

### **NSHC Member State feedback on UK proposal 2**

The responses to Member State feedback from Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands and Sweden are at Annex B. All respondents agreed with 1 of the 3 UK proposals to improve access to all NSHC Conclusions and the 2 remaining suggestions are listed below for discussion.

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Agree with Proposal? Yes/No If No, please provide further comment</b>
b. to provide a list of all NSHC Conclusions, similar to that in Annex A to this report, including the subject and status of each Conclusion, with a hyperlink to the full text of each Conclusion	All respondents agreed with the proposal. FR suggests making available two separate lists, one dealing with active conclusions and one dealing with obsolete/effected conclusions for background and historical purposes. Germany It is suggested to provide two separate lists: 1. Active conclusions only, to facilitate overview 2. Effected and obsolete conclusions (for historic reference) and Netherlands agreed with the German proposal
c. to provide a means to derive a similar list of only Active Conclusions to inform the review by each NSHC meeting under standing agenda item A4	All respondents agreed with the proposal. FR suggests implementing this action in accordance with the actions proposed by UK in the review of Conclusion 11. Germany referred to its comment in b, and Netherlands agreed with German proposal.

**Responses from NSHC Member States to  
Review of NSHC Conclusions – August 2008**

**Responses to Annex B received from NSHC Member States:** Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands and Sweden.

**Proposal 1 NSHC Members to consider UK’s proposals for each Active Conclusion, as listed in Annex B below, and explained in Annex C, to the report.**

No	Title/Subject	Proposed Status	Responses
5	Amendment of the Statutes	Effectuated	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.
7	Policy of expunging wrecks from charts	Effectuated	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.
11	Conclusions reflecting the decisions of the NSHC	Active	All respondents agreed with the proposed status. The status to change to “effectuated” when the Statutes are revised.
15	Submarine Cables in Fisheries Charts	Obsolete	<p>Respondents, with exception of Belgium and France, agreed with the proposed status.</p> <p>Belgium were not fully convinced, Belgium notes that info about new cables (and pipes) is well communicated by cable companies, but in case they become obsolete, this information is not well communicated.</p> <p>France have some doubts about it, FR suggests to keep it “Active” until NSHC29 to make sure that a robust process is in place between NSHC HOs and cable ships and telecom companies, in order to update databases and following charts</p>
16	IMCO matters	Effectuated	<p>All respondents agreed with the proposed status, and France suggested adding a reference to IHO CL 29/1999 in the review.</p> <p>This will be completed post NSHC29 with other Conclusion amendments.</p>
17	Joint use of electronic position fixing transmitters	Obsolete	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.

No	Title/Subject	Proposed Status	Responses
28	Resurveying of critical areas	Effectuated	Denmark and Netherlands agreed with the proposed status. Belgium, France, Germany and Sweden did not. Belgium and France proposed that I be kept as "Active" until the NSHC Resurvey Work Group, established by the 27 <sup>th</sup> NSHC, concludes its work. Germany concurred adding until a common policy has been adopted. Sweden similarly considered it may not be fully effected until the NSHC RWG has produced a re-survey plan.
31	Deep draught shipping versus seabed exploitation activities	Obsolete	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.
34	NSHC Instruction Officers at RN Hydrographic School	Obsolete	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.
44	Negative Tidal Surges Warning Service	Effectuated	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.
45	Exploratory drilling in the area of the Texel Traffic Separation Scheme	Effectuated	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.
46	Passage of VLCCs south and southwest bound through the North Sea and Dover Strait to the English Channel	Effectuated	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.
50	Underkeel allowance for deep draught vessels in the Dover Strait and approaches	Obsolete	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.
56	NSHC Ad hoc Working Group on INT charts and NSHC ECDB	Effectuated	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.
59	INT Chart Specifications: National Symbology on INT Charts	Obsolete	Respondents, with the exception of France, agreed with the proposed status. France proposed amending the status to "Effectuated" with an additional reference to IHO TR B5.5 (1992) in the review, and considering a review of the way the IHB implement this TR (FR is not aware of any IHB comments to INT chart producers).
65	Reliability of Charts	Effectuated	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.
66	Training	Effectuated	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.
69	Copyright matters relating to commercial publishers	Effectuated	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.
70	Working Group on Copyright and Pricing related matters	Effectuated	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.

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72	Report of the Tidal Working Group	Effectuated	<p>Denmark, Netherlands and Sweden agreed with the proposed status.</p> <p>Belgium, France and Germany did not.</p> <p>Belgium suggested keeping the conclusion "Active" as long as the agenda of the WG has not been completed or the TOR of the WG is updated with remaining work.</p> <p>France suggested keeping the conclusion "Active" until the new TOR of the WG are approved (see NSHC28 report - item E.2)</p> <p>Germany considered "active", as long as the agenda for the WG, as outlined in the conclusion, has not been completed or any remaining work items were transferred to another WG</p>
73	Adoption of WGS84 as horizontal datum for nautical charts	Effectuated	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.
75	Co-operation strategy for European HOs	Effectuated	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.
76	Working Group on Copyright and Pricing related matters	Effectuated	<p>Respondents, with exception of Belgium and France, agreed with the proposed status.</p> <p>Belgium suggested keeping the conclusion "Active", taking into account the changing market, it should be discussed at the NSHC29.</p> <p>France suggests keeping the conclusion "Active" and proposes that a review of items 7, 8 and 9 be prepared by MS and discussed at NSHC29.</p>
77	Small Craft Safety	Obsolete	<p>Respondents, with exception of France, agreed with the proposed status.</p> <p>France suggested keeping the conclusion "Active" until the Commission explicitly agrees to fold it, believing that there is still a need to "investigate the possibilities for further joint initiatives to meet the demands of the small craft for navigational and information services" especially with the generalization of ECS.</p>
78	Digital equivalents meeting SOLAS chapter V carriage requirement	Active	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.
79	Oslo-Paris Commission request	Effectuated	All respondents agreed with the proposed status.

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80	S-55 Data-base	Active	All respondents agreed with the proposed status and France suggested it should remain "Active" as long as periodic updating of S-55 is required.
81	Establishment of EU Marine and Maritime Policies WG	Active	All respondents agreed with the proposed status and France suggested it should remain "Active" until the WG is folded or new TORs are approved. This will be completed post NSHC29 with other Conclusion amendments.



**Proposal 2 NSHC Members to consider the following UK proposals to improve access to all NSHC Conclusions, and Active Conclusions in particular, on the IHO website:**

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Agree with Proposal? Yes/No If No, please provide further comment</b>
a. to move the NSHC Conclusions to the top level NSHC webpage (they are currently a zip file under the 27 <sup>th</sup> NSHC meeting)	All respondents agreed with the proposal.
b. to provide a list of all NSHC Conclusions, similar to that in Annex A to this report, including the subject and status of each Conclusion, with a hyperlink to the full text of each Conclusion	<p>All respondents agreed with the proposal.</p> <p>FR suggests making available two separate lists, one dealing with active conclusions and one dealing with obsolete/effected conclusions for background and historical purposes.</p> <p>Germany It is suggested to provide two separate lists:  1. Active conclusions only, to facilitate overview  2. Effected and obsolete conclusions (for historic reference)</p> <p>and Netherlands agreed with the German proposal</p>
c. to provide a means to derive a similar list of only Active Conclusions to inform the review by each NSHC meeting under standing agenda item A4	<p>All respondents agreed with the proposal. FR suggests implementing this action in accordance with the actions proposed by UK in the review of Conclusion 11.</p> <p>Germany referred to its comment in b, and Netherlands agreed with German proposal.</p>